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### 1 [A self-optimizing embedded microprocessor using a loop table for low power](#)



Frank Vahid, Ann Gordon-Ross

August 2001 **Proceedings of the 2001 international symposium on Low power electronics and design ISLPED '01**

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**Keywords:** cores, embedded systems, low-power, parameterized architectures, platforms, self-optimizing architecture, system-on-a-chip, tuning


### 2 [Profile-based optimizations: Dynamic trace selection using performance monitoring hardware sampling](#)



Howard Chen, Wei-Chung Hsu, Jiwei Lu, Pen-Chung Yew, Dong-Yuan Chen

March 2003 **Proceedings of the international symposium on Code generation and optimization: feedback-directed and runtime optimization CGO '03**

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Optimizing programs at run-time provides opportunities to apply aggressive optimizations to programs based on information that was not available at compile time. At run time, programs can be adapted to better exploit architectural features, optimize the use of dynamic libraries, and simplify code based on run-time constants. Our profiling system provides a framework for collecting information required for performing run-time optimization. We sample the performance hardware registers available on ...

### 3 [Software for high-performance systems: Identifying potential parallelism via loop-centric profiling](#)



Tipp Moseley, Daniel A. Connors, Dirk Grunwald, Ramesh Peri


May 2007 **Proceedings of the 4th international conference on Computing frontiers CF '07**

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The transition to multithreaded, multi-core designs places a greater responsibility on programmers and software for improving performance; thread-level parallelism (TLP) will be increasingly relied upon in addition to instruction-level parallelism (ILP) and increased clock frequency. Deciding where to try to parallelize code is difficult, especially for large, complex applications or those where the original developers have moved on. Outer loops are relatively easy targets for parallelization ...

**Keywords:** loop profiling, parallelization

- 4 Extending Path Profiling across Loop Backedges and Procedure Boundaries  
Sriraman Tallam, Xiangyu Zhang, Rajiv Gupta  
March 2004 **Proceedings of the international symposium on Code generation and optimization: feedback-directed and runtime optimization CGO '04**  
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Since their introduction, path profiles have been used to guide the application of aggressive code optimizations and performing instruction scheduling. However, for optimization and scheduling, it is often desirable to obtain frequency counts of paths that extend across loop iterations and cross procedure boundaries. These longer paths, referred to as interesting paths in this paper, account for over 75% of the flow in a subset of SPEC benchmarks. Although the frequency counts of interesting paths can be ...

**Keywords:** path profiles, overlapping path profiles, profile-guided optimization, and instruction scheduling

- 5 Microprocessor architecture: Frequent loop detection using efficient non-intrusive on-chip hardware



Ann Gordon-Ross, Frank Vahid

October 2003 **Proceedings of the 2003 international conference on Compilers, architecture and synthesis for embedded systems CASES '03**

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Dynamic software optimization methods are becoming increasingly popular for improving software performance and power. The first step in dynamic optimization consists of detecting frequently executed code, or "critical regions." Previous critical region detectors have been targeted to desktop processors. We introduce a critical region detector targeted to embedded processors, with the unique features of being very size and power efficient, and being completely non-intrusive to the software's execution ...

**Keywords:** dynamic optimization, frequent loop detection, frequent value profiling, hardware profiling, hot spot detection, on-chip profiling, runtime profiling


- 6 Continuous program optimization: A case study



Thomas Kistler, Michael Franz

July 2003 **ACM Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems (TOPLAS)**, Volume 25 Issue 4

Publisher: ACM Press

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Much of the software in everyday operation is not making optimal use of the hardware on which it actually runs. Among the reasons for this discrepancy are hardware/software mismatches, modularization overheads introduced by software engineering considerations, and the inability of systems to adapt to users' behaviors. A solution to these problems is to delay code generation until load time. This is the earliest point at which a piece of software can be fine-tuned to the actual capabilities of the ...

**Keywords:** Dynamic code generation, continuous program optimization, dynamic reoptimization

- 7 Practicing JUDO: Java under dynamic optimizations



Michał Cierniak, Guei-Yuan Lueh, James M. Stichnoth

May 2000 **ACM SIGPLAN Notices, Proceedings of the ACM SIGPLAN 2000 conference on Programming language design and implementation PLDI '00**, Volume 35 Issue 5

Publisher: ACM Press

A high-performance implementation of a Java Virtual Machine (JVM) consists of efficient implementation of Just-In-Time (JIT) compilation, exception handling, synchronization mechanism, and garbage collection (GC). These components are tightly coupled to achieve high performance. In this paper, we present some static and dynamic techniques implemented in the JIT compilation and exception handling of the Microprocessor Research Lab Virtual Machine (MRL VM), ...

## 8 Optimally profiling and tracing programs



Thomas Ball, James R. Larus

July 1994 **ACM Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems (TOPLAS)**,

Volume 16 Issue 4

**Publisher:** ACM Press

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This paper describes algorithms for inserting monitoring code to profile and trace programs. These algorithms greatly reduce the cost of measuring programs with respect to the commonly used technique of placing code in each basic block. Program profiling counts the number of times each basic block in a program executes. Instruction tracing records the sequence of basic blocks traversed in a program execution. The algorithms optimize the placement of counting/tracing code with respect to the ...

**Keywords:** control-flow graph, instruction tracing, instrumentation, profiling

## 9 High-level power estimation (invited talks): Source code optimization and profiling of energy consumption in embedded systems

Tajana Šimunić, Luca Benini, Giovanni De Micheli, Mat Hans

September 2000 **Proceedings of the 13th international symposium on System synthesis ISSS '00**

**Publisher:** IEEE Computer Society

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This paper presents a source code optimization methodology and a profiling tool that have been developed to help designers in optimizing software performance and energy in embedded systems. Code optimizations are applied at three levels of abstraction: algorithmic, data and instruction-level. The profiler exploits a cycle-accurate energy consumption simulator [3] to relate the embedded system energy consumption and performance to the source code. Thus, it can be used for analysis (i.e., to find ...

## 10 Performance of Runtime Optimization on BLAST

Abhinav Das, Jiwei Lu, Howard Chen, Jinpyo Kim, Pen-Chung Yew, Wei-Chung Hsu, Dong-Yuan Chen

March 2005 **Proceedings of the international symposium on Code generation and optimization CGO '05**

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Optimization of a real world application BLAST is used to demonstrate the limitations of static and profile-guided optimizations and to highlight the potential of runtime optimization systems. We analyze the performance profile of this application to determine performance bottlenecks and evaluate the effect of aggressive compiler optimizations on BLAST. We find that applying common optimizations (e.g. O3) can degrade performance. Profile guided optimizations do not show much improvement across t ...

## 11 Profiling tools for hardware/software partitioning of embedded applications



Dinesh C. Suresh, Walid A. Najjar, Frank Vahid, Jason R. Villarreal, Greg Stitt

June 2003 **ACM SIGPLAN Notices , Proceedings of the 2003 ACM SIGPLAN conference on Language, compiler, and tool for embedded systems LCTES '03**, Volume 38 Issue 7

**Publisher:** ACM Press

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Loops constitute the most executed segments of programs and therefore are the best candidates for hardware software partitioning. We present a set of profiling tools that are specifically dedicated to loop profiling and do support combined function and loop profiling. One tool relies on an instruction set simulator and can therefore be augmented with architecture and micro-architecture features simulation while the other is based on compile-time instrumentation of gcc and therefore has very litt ...

**Keywords:** compiler optimization, hardware/software partitioning, loop analysis

## 12 1 - Special Section: Link-time compaction and optimization of ARM executables

 Bjorn De Sutter, Ludo Van Put, Dominique Chagnet, Bruno De Bus, Koen De Bosschere  
February 2007 **ACM Transactions on Embedded Computing Systems (TECS)**, Volume 6  
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The overhead in terms of code size, power consumption, and execution time caused by the use of precompiled libraries and separate compilation is often unacceptable in the embedded world, where real-time constraints, battery life-time, and production costs are of critical importance. In this paper, we present our link-time optimizer for the ARM architecture. We discuss how we can deal with the peculiarities of the ARM architecture related to its visible program counter and how the introduced over ...

**Keywords:** Performance, compaction, linker, optimization

## 13 Predicting program behavior using real or estimated profiles

 David W. Wall  
May 1991 **ACM SIGPLAN Notices , Proceedings of the ACM SIGPLAN 1991 conference on Programming language design and implementation PLDI '91**, Volume 26  
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## 14 Compilation and dynamic optimization: Dynamic parallelization and mapping of binary executables on hierarchical platforms

 Efe Yardimci, Michael Franz  
May 2006 **Proceedings of the 3rd conference on Computing frontiers CF '06**

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As performance improvements are being increasingly sought via coarse-grained parallelism, established expectations of continued sequential performance increases are not being met. Current trends in computing point towards platforms seeking performance improvements through various degrees of parallelism, with coarse-grained parallelism features becoming commonplace in even entry-level systems. Yet the broad variety of multiprocessor configurations that will be available that differ in the number o ...

**Keywords:** continuous optimization, dynamic parallelization

## 15 The Accuracy of Initial Prediction in Two-Phase Dynamic Binary Translators

Youfeng Wu, Mauricio Breternitz, Justin Quek, Orna Etzion, Jesse Fang  
March 2004 **Proceedings of the international symposium on Code generation and optimization: feedback-directed and runtime optimization CGO '04**

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Dynamic binary translators use a two-phase approach to identify and optimize frequently executed code dynamically. In the first step (profiling phase), blocks of code are

interpreted or quickly translated to collect execution frequency information for the blocks. In the second phase (optimization phase), frequently executed blocks are grouped into regions and advanced optimizations are applied on them. This approach implicitly assumes that the initial profile of each block is representative of the block ...

## 16 Using branch handling hardware to support profile-driven optimization



Thomas M. Conte, Burzin A. Patel, J. Stan Cox

November 1994 **Proceedings of the 27th annual international symposium on Microarchitecture MICRO 27**

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Profile-based optimizations can be used for instruction scheduling, loop scheduling, data preloading, function in-lining, and instruction cache performance enhancement. However, these techniques have not been embraced by software vendors because programs instrumented for profiling run 2–30 times slower, an awkward compile-run-recompile sequence is required, and a test input suite must be collected and validated for each program. This paper proposes using existing bran ...

## 17 Toward a methodology of optimizing programs for high-performance computers



Rudolf Eigenmann

August 1993 **Proceedings of the 7th international conference on Supercomputing ICS '93**

Publisher: ACM Press

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This report describes experiences in porting the Perfect Benchmarks programs to the Alliant FX/8 and Cedar machines. Although there is much to learn before we can really say we know how to optimize programs successfully for parallel computers in general and for hierarchical shared-memory architectures in particular, it is hoped that this report will be helpful to those who are beginning to port and transform programs for parallel machines. Perhaps it is even an interesting reference for exp ...

## 18 Handling irreducible loops: optimized node splitting versus DJ-graphs



Sebastian Unger, Frank Mueller

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This paper addresses the question of how to handle irreducible regions during optimization, which has become even more relevant for contemporary processors since recent VLIW-like architectures highly rely on instruction scheduling. The contributions of this paper are twofold. First, a method of optimized node splitting to transform irreducible regions of control flow into reducible regions is formally defined and its correctness is shown. This method is superior to approaches previously publishe ...

**Keywords:** Code optimization, compilation, control flow graphs, instruction-level parallelism, irreducible flowgraphs, loops, node splitting, reducible flowgraphs

## 19 Interaction cost and shotgun profiling



Brian A. Fields, Rastislav Bodik, Mark D. Hill, Chris J. Newburn

September 2004 **ACM Transactions on Architecture and Code Optimization (TACO)**, Volume 1 Issue 3

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We observe that the challenges software optimizers and microarchitects face every day boil down to a single problem: bottleneck analysis. A bottleneck is any event or resource that contributes to execution time, such as a critical cache miss or window stall. Tasks

such as tuning processors for energy efficiency and finding the right loads to prefetch all require measuring the performance costs of bottlenecks. In the past, simple event counts were enough to find the important bottlenecks. Today, t ...

**Keywords:** Performance analysis, critical path, modeling, profiling

## 20 A study of source-level compiler algorithms for automatic construction of pre-execution code



Dongkeun Kim, Donald Yeung

August 2004 **ACM Transactions on Computer Systems (TOCS)**, Volume 22 Issue 3

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Pre-execution is a promising latency tolerance technique that uses one or more helper threads running in spare hardware contexts ahead of the main computation to trigger long-latency memory operations early, hence absorbing their latency on behalf of the main computation. This article investigates several source-to-source C compilers for extracting pre-execution thread code automatically, thus relieving the programmer or hardware from this onerous task. We present an aggressive profile-driven co ...

**Keywords:** Data prefetching, memory-level parallelism, multithreading, pre-execution, prefetch conversion, program slicing, speculative loop parallelization

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